What is Summer Deaf Camp . . . Summer Skills Program?

Summer Programs at the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind are a creative program that provides opportunities for sensory impaired children to learn about blindness, deafness, share experiences with other children, and learn how to communicate with each other in a warm, caring atmosphere.

This summer, as in the past twenty summers, Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI). Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind (MSDB) and the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind Foundation will cosponsor summer programs at MSDB. The programs target communication, social interaction, independent living skills and use of technology for students between the ages of 9-14 (7 and 8 year-olds will be considered on a case by case basis for the deaf camp only) who had hearing impairments or deafness, and the ages of 9-16 who had blindness or visual impairments. The week-long programs provide at no cost to the student room, board and transportation. Transportation to and from the program is reimbursed at state rates.

In addition to the above, structured leisure and recreational activities are provided. This includes such activities as dancing, swimming, shopping, Great Falls Explorers baseball games, etc. The Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind has a complete recreation complex and the community of Great Falls provides a variety of tour sites such as the Charles M. Russell Museum, the Air Museum at Malmstrom Airforce Base, Giant Springs Hatchery, Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and the Paris Gibson Art Museum. The summer programs provide an effective and enjoyable opportunity for deaf, hearing impaired, blind or visually impaired students to improve competence in independent living skills and to expand socialization opportunities with other students with similar impairments.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Subject to change

Deaf and Hearing Impaired Skills Program

- ◆ Communication
 - Speech and language skills Sign Language skills
- ◆ Social Development Interpersonal skills Self-esteem building activities Etiquette
- ◆ Technology

Use of telephone device for the deaf (TDD)
Use of video phone (VP)
Use of assistive devices for the deaf (flashing alarm clocks, door bells, closed captioning, etc.)
Use of computers

Blind and Visually Impaired Skills Program

- ◆ Food Preparation Kitchen orientation Menu Planning Cooking
- ♦ House Cleaning

Laundry Bathrooms Kitchens Floors

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- Vacuuming, mopping
- ♦ Money Management and Banking
- ◆ Braille Needs Assessment
- Orientation and Mobility
 Use of Low Vision aides
- ◆ Technology Use of computers

Typical Camp Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Wake up and shower

8:00 AM Breakfast

8:45 AM Clean up

9:00 AM Breakfast

Technology

Social Development

Orientation and Mobility

Communication

Food Preparation

Independent Living Skills

11:30 AM Clean up

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Technology

Social Development

Orientation and Mobility

Communication

Food Preparation

Independent Living Skills

2:45 PM Clean up/recreation begins

3:00 PM Recreation (on/off campus)

5:00 PM Dinner

6:00 PM Rest

7:00 PM Evening Recreation

9:00 PM Snack

9:30 PM Free time

10:00 PM Students get ready for bed

10:30 PM LIGHTS OUT!

If your child is interested in attending the Summer Camp for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired or Summer Skills Program for the Blind and Visually Impaired and would like more information, please complete and return the following form:

Name
Address
Town Zip
Phone
 I have a (please circle) deaf/hard-of-hearing blind/visually impaired child, age I am (extremely interested, somewhat interested, not interested) in attending a summer program at MSDB. (circle one)
Please check <u>which</u> camp your child is interested in attending:
☐ Deaf Summer Camp - June 17-23, 2012
☐ Summer Skills Program (Blind)-July 8-14, 2012

Please send to:

Summer Programs 2012

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June 17-23

Blind and Visually Impaired Children
July 8-14

Provides:

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